

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 11-14, 17, and 19-23, 25-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 24, and 29-32 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following responsive remarks.

In the office action of May 7, 2007, the following actions were taken:

(1) Claims 1, 11-14, 17, 19, 22, 23, and 27-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,383,848 to Hillman et al. (hereinafter "Hillman et al." in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,427,585 to Bettinger (hereinafter "Bettinger").

(2) Claims 2-6, 20, 21, and 24-26 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims be examined and allowed. Applicants submit that each and every amendment herein, and throughout the prosecution of the present application is fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.

Rejections based on Hillman et al. in view of Bettinger

Claims 1, 11-14, 17, 19, 22, 23, and 27-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hillman et al. in view of Bettinger. In the last office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2 and 24 presented allowable subject matter if written in independent form. As presently amended claims 1 and 22 include the limitations of previously presented claims 2 and 24 respectively. As such, the cited references fail to teach each and every element of the pending claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection and allowance of each of the pending claims.

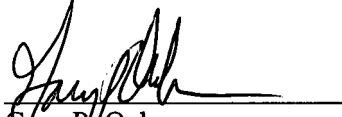
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 1, 3-6, 11-14, 17, and 19-23, and 25-28 present allowable subject matter, and allowance is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after consideration of the above remarks, and such impediment could be removed during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (801) 566-6633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Please charge any additional fees except for Issue Fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary P. Oakeson", written over a horizontal line.

Gary P. Oakeson
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 44,266

Of:

THORPE NORTH & WESTERN, LLP
8180 South 700 East, Suite 200
Sandy, Utah 84070
(801) 566-6633